



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Barsoum *et al.*

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For: **Method of Enhancing Delivery of a
Therapeutic Nucleic Acid**

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Examiner: Robert M. Kelly

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Attached to this Amendment and Reply are exhibits A to K, a petition for a one month extension of time for reply from July 4, 2006 to August 4, 2006, and a Request for Continued Examination. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Amendments to the claims begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 9.